

Bringing the County Closer to You!

Isiah Leggett, County Executive Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer Catherine Matthews, Director Robert Nelson, UCAB Chair

## **September 12, 2014**

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting Monday, September 15 7:00pm – 9:00pm Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

#### Agenda

Upcoming Review of Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg East Master Plans

Guest: Nancy Sturgeon, Montgomery County Planning Department

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Live Discussion with County Executive Isiah Leggett September 17, Wednesday From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.



Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett will hold a "virtual" Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, September 17 from 1 to 2 p.m. County residents will be able to ask questions of the County Executive before or during the chat at <u>Live Discussion</u> with Ike Leggett. Questions and answers will be posted both during and after the chat.

For more information, call the Office of Public Information at 240-777-6507.

County Council President Craig Rice to Hold Community Meeting for Montgomery Village

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Monday, September 22 6:30pm Gaithersburg Library 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg



Among the issues Council President Rice will provide updates on are the future redevelopment on the Montgomery Village golf course site, schools, the possible northward extension of Mid-County Highway (the M83 project), the cleanup of Lake Whetstone and the increased attention to crime prevention. He will also discuss traffic, planned transportation improvements and the long-term future of Lakeforest Mall.

For more information about the community meeting, call 240-777-7955 or e-mail Councilmember Rice at Councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov .

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## Ride On Invites the Public to Comment on its Revised Title VI Policies that Prohibit Discrimination

Montgomery County's Ride On bus system is soliciting comments on its revised Title VI plan that outlines how Ride On provides equitable and non-discriminatory service. Under Federal Transit Administration regulations, transit systems such as Ride On must have a plan to ensure that service, routing, amenities, the types of buses, etc. are equitable across all groups. The proposed Title VI definitions, service standards and policies are available on Ride On's website: <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/titlevi.html">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/titlevi.html</a>

The public is encouraged to attend an information session/open house scheduled for:

Tuesday, September 16 6:00pm-9:00pm

Silver Spring Civic Center, Great Hall One Veterans Place, Silver Spring Wednesday, September 17 6:00pm-9:00pm

Executive Office Building, Auditorium 101 Monroe Street, Rockville

All meeting locations are accessible to persons having disabilities. Any person needing accommodation, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, is requested to contact Ride On by September 12 by phone at 1-240-777-5800, or by mail at:

or

Ride On Transit Services 101 Monroe Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Rockville, MD 20850

In addition, residents may send written comments through September 30 to:

Title VI Comments, Ride On Transit Services 101 Monroe Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Rockville, MD 20850

or alternatively, email them to RideOn.CustomerService@montgomerycountymd.gov or fax to 240-777-5801

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## Montgomery College Nonprofit Leadership Institute Offers Boot Camp for Fall 2014

Mid-level administrators are invited to <a href="mailto:apply">apply</a> to be selected for the 2014 Nonprofit Management Boot Camp For details, visit <a href="http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/npti">http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/npti</a> bootcamp2014.html

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# Leggett Announces Increased Hours, Staffing and Materials for County's Public Libraries

Beginning Sunday, October 5, Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) will be open longer, with new hours totaling 106 hours, a 9.4 percent increase over FY 2014. With local elected officials gathered at Rockville Memorial Library along with community library advocates and Friends of the Library, Mr. Leggett and County Councilmembers announced the expanded hours, along with increased staff and added materials in the branches to support the extra hours. See details in the news release.

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## Public Invited to Participate in Car Free Day Monday, September 22

Montgomery County will join the DC region and Commuter Connections in celebrating *World Car Free Day* on Monday, September 22. Encouraged to "Put It Away – Uncar for a Day," commuters can pledge to go Car Free – or Car Lite – by going to www.carfreemetrodc.org.

Montgomery County Commuter Services (MCCS) staff will hold prize drawings and provide information on transportation options from 6:30 to 9 a.m. at the Bethesda, Friendship Heights, Shady Grove and White Flint metro stations and the Germantown and Silver Spring Ride On transit centers. Participants will be eligible to win prizes that include a Kindle Fire, Sole Custom Bicycle, health and fitness club annual membership and SmarTrip card with fare.

International Car Free Day is an annual, worldwide event that encourages the public to find alternatives to using cars or to reduce the amount of driving they do. Using transit, biking and walking – instead of driving – reduces noise, pollution and stress. MCCS offers assistance to finding "Better Ways to Work," year-round by walking, taking transit, carpooling, vanpooling, biking or teleworking. Check the County's website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/commute.

For more information about transportation options in the County, contact <u>Commuter Services</u>. Anyone traveling near downtown Silver Spring or Friendship Heights can stop in at the County's TRiPS Commuter stores at 8413 Ramsey Avenue in Silver Spring and 17 Wisconsin Circle in Friendship Heights. Both stores are located within a short walk of Metrorail stations, sell transit fare media and provide a variety of personalized assistance with transportation alternatives.

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Montgomery Village Master Plan Kickoff Meeting Scheduled
Wednesday, October 1 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Watkins Mill High School Cafeteria
10301 Apple Ridge Road, Gaithersburg

The Montgomery County Planning Department, part of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, will hold a community meeting to begin a community dialogue about the Montgomery Village Master Plan. Anyone who lives or works in Montgomery Village or has an interest in the future of this community is invited to attend the meeting where the existing conditions, opportunities and constraints, and the County planning process will be discussed.

Montgomery Village was included in the 1985 <u>Gaithersburg Vicinity Plan</u> and it is now the subject of its own master plan for the first time. Montgomery Village has not been reviewed since the 1985 *Gaithersburg Vicinity Master Plan*, nor has it been the subject of a discrete County master plan in the past. Although Montgomery Village was within the boundaries of both the 1971 *Gaithersburg Vicinity Master Plan* and the 1985 Master Plan, neither plan contains narrative, recommendations or guidance for this community.

A future meeting will focus more specifically on areas and issues identified at this first master plan meeting and will involve the community discussing their vision for the future of Montgomery Village.

Learn More: www.montgomeryplanning.org/montgomeryvillage

RSVPs are encouraged but not required.

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# Montgomery County Seeks Applicants for Merit System Protection Board

The Montgomery County Council is accepting applications from qualified voters of the County for appointment to a three -year term on the Merit System Protection Board. Generally, the board is expected to oversee the Merit System and to protect employee and applicant rights guaranteed under the County Merit System. Applications must be received in the Council office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

See press release for more details

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR detailsnew.asp?PrID=13991

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# BILINGUAL VOTERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT THE POLLS FOR THE 2014 GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking bilingual voters to work at early voting centers and at polling places on Election Day.

Because of the diversity within the county, the Montgomery County Board of Elections recruits workers who speak numerous languages. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet Federal requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speakers be available at the polls. Spanish speaking election judges are needed for both Early Voting, October 23 through 30 and Election Day, November 4, 2014.

The Election Law of Maryland requires that election judges are registered to vote in the State of Maryland, 17 years of age or older, and a U.S. citizen. Bilingual judges must also be able to speak, read, and write English. All election judges will be compensated for training and for Early Voting or Election Day service.

If you are interested in taking this leadership position in your community, please download an election judge questionnaire from our website at <a href="https://www.777vote.org">www.777vote.org</a>, or e-mail Dr. Gilberto Zelaya at <a href="mailto:gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov">gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>.

### STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2014 GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking school-age students, grades 6-12, to participate in its "Future Vote" Program. Future Vote students will serve as Election Day student aides during the 2014 Gubernatorial General Election on Tuesday, November 4. There are also opportunities for students to assist the Board of Elections with a variety of activities before Election Day.

Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to participate in the Future Vote Program and, if applicable, students will receive Student Service Learning (SSL) credits. Most students work in precincts near their home. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action.

The Future Vote Program is available to all students within public, private, independent, religious or home-school settings throughout Montgomery County, MD. U.S. citizenship is not a pre-requisite and students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply. In the 2012 Presidential Election, more than two thousand Montgomery County students participated in the Future Vote Program, including 473 students with bilingual skills and 15 students who were available at polling places to assist voters using American Sign Language.

Interested parents/guardians may register their student(s) before October 9 online by visiting the Montgomery County Board of Elections' website at <a href="https://www.777vote.org">www.777vote.org</a> (click: <a href="https://www.777vote.org">Future Vote Student Volunteers</a>)

Montgomery TennisPlex Receives 2014 Outstanding Tennis Facility Award from USTA during U.S. Open Week

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The TennisPlex is located in South Germantown Recreational Park, 18010 Central Park Circle, Boyds (near the SoccerPlex facility).

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## Did you know about "Founder's Day" in Montgomery County?

The Montgomery County Council and County Executive Isiah Leggett recently joined in the annual celebration of "Founder's Day," recognizing that on Sept. 6, 1776, the Maryland Constitutional Convention passed a bill, introduced by Thomas Sprigg Wootton, that divided what was then Frederick County into three counties: Frederick, Montgomery and Washington. This created the first counties in America to be established by elected representatives.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\_releases

#### Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <a href="http://www6.montgomery countymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp">http://www6.montgomery countymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp</a>

Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp

Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html

Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp

Department of Permitting Services <a href="http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx">http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx</a>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <a href="http://www.montgomeryserves.org">http://www.montgomeryserves.org</a>

Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html

Commission for Women <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html</a>